

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



Congratulations to Michael Dailey (left) on being named Knight of the Year for 2015. He was presented the award at their Christmas party on December 16th. Congratulations, Michael, and thank you for all your help with coordinating the blood drives and the baby bottle brigade events hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Also pictured above are other members who attended.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English
(Confessions at 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish

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Parish Happenings

Parents Lounge

Are you looking for a group that offers discussion on "parent-generated" topics, socialization, and participation in creating family friendly events at the parish? If you answered yes to any of these, then Parents Lounge is for you!

We meet Sundays from 9-10am (during PSR) in the Juan Diego room. Stop in, check it out, and enjoy some coffee and donuts while your kids are in class.

Blood Drive - January 10

Our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, January 10th from 8am - 1pm in the gym. Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org, enter sponsor code: saintsabina. For more information, please contact Michael Dailey at 816-853-8386 or mgdailey123@yahoo.com. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this blood drive.

Story Time in Spanish

The Belton Library is coming to St. Sabina the second Thursday of every month to present story time in Spanish for children. Please plan on joining us on Thursday, January 14th at 10am in the Juan Diego Room in the Education Wing.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Week of Christian Unity - Jan 18

A Prayer Service in conjunction with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. Sabina on Monday, January 18th at 7:00pm. Please plan on joining our Christian brothers and sisters from the Belton and Raymore communities as we are "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord."

January 18-25, 2016 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2016 is Called to

Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord. (cf. 1 Peter 2:9) Throughout 2016, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information go to: www.geii.org

The Chili Derby hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 5586

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Chili dinner and Mouse races; the proceeds will go towards the Special Olympics Training for Life Center. This event will take place on Saturday, January 9th from 5:30 - 10pm in the Parish gym. The menu will include: World's best chili, hotdogs, chips, dessert, & beverages. \$8 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Children (12 & under). Mouse races begin at 6:30pm, this will include 6 heat races and 1 championship race. Come choose your favorite mouse and win! \$20 per Mouse sponsorship. For more information or sponsorships contact Nick Hadley at 816-916-2430 or hadley19@gmail.com.

TV Raffle for Romero Celebration Funds Congratulations to Reina Cruz who won the 50" Magnavox TV. Pictured are Romero Committee Members Hilda Alvarado, Maria Eva Medrano and Kris Larkey with Reina Cruz. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.



Over 55 Christmas Party



Stewardship of Treasure - December 20

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$15,096.49
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 967.47
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 607.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 2,197.77

Due to early bulletin deadlines for New Year's, contribution information for December 27 will be printed in the January 10 bulletin.

Contribution statements for the year 2015 will be sent to parishioners by electronic mail no later than January 15. If you requested to receive by regular mail last year, you will again receive that way this year. If you would like to receive your statement by regular mail instead of electronic mail, or if you have any questions about contribution statements, please contact Jeff Shields in the office at 816-979-3152. If your email address has recently changed, please contact the office to update this information.

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 2: 10-11

When they found the child Jesus, they opened their treasures and they gave "Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." They did not present the gifts to His parents; they presented them directly to Him. The baby Jesus had no real need for these gifts, and we assume that Mary and Joseph used them on Christ's behalf, to support Him. That is what we do when we give to the Church. Although our gifts need to be viewed by us as gifts to God, we also must have a trust, which includes the understanding that those who will use the gifts will use them wisely and justly. The Magi trusted that their gifts would be used in a way that was beneficial. We need to have that same kind of trust. Most of all, we need to understand the importance of giving, of being good stewards. - See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/



Calendar

Sunday, January 3 - Domingo, 3 de Enero

Epiphany

Knights Roses for Life

Catholic Key Subscription Sunday

1:30pm Tres Reyes

Monday, January 4 - Lunes, 4 de Enero

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

6:00pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, January 5 - Martes, 5 de Enero

4:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Foundations for Living Stones

7:00pm Power of Praying for Your Adult Children 2

Wednesday, January 6 - Miércoles, 6 de Enero

8:00am Mass

10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior

6:00pm Cantor Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice (10:30am Choir)

7:00pm Junior High Youth Group

7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, January 7 - Jueves, 7 de Enero

8:00am Mass

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, January 8 - Viernes, 8 de Enero

8:00am Mass

Saturday, January 9 - Sábado, 9 de Enero

10:00am Platicas Pre-Bautismales

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass

5:30pm Knights of Columbus Chili Dinner & Mouse Races

Sunday, January 10 - Domingo, 10 de Enero

Baptism of the Lord

Donut Sunday - 2nd Grade

8:00am Blood Drive

9:00am Parent Support Group

9:00am Parish School of Religion

11:00am Escuela Parroquial de Religion

1:30pm Taking down Christmas decorations

7:00pm High School & Confirmation

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for January 4 - 8, 2016

Mon. 8am †Frances Andregg
 Tues. 6pm †Robert Rhodes
 Wed. 8am †Robert J. Lewis
 10:30am †Janet Bremer (Beautiful Savior)
 Thurs. 8am †Ramon Esparza
 Friday 8am †Phil Whorton

Saturday, January 9, 2016

4:00pm †Janet Bremer

Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:00am †Ernest Garnier
 10:30am †Ella Hemmen
 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
 12:30pm Spanish Intenciones de las Familias
 Parroquiales

Pastoral Care

From Death to New Life † De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†Robert Rhodes, father of Judy Onderstal
 †Ken Johnson, father of Gary and Patrick Johnson
 †Erlinda Perez, mother of Vanessa Perez

Prayer Requests Peticiones de Oración

Dick Anthony	Butch Ford	Jason Pilcher
Kelly Anthony	Dick Garnier	Philip Pilcher
Beverly Bell	Laverne Harlow	Rosanna Pilcher
Pauline Bellm	Cherie Hatfield	Joe Pusateri
Sheryll Bentley	Bart Henke	Mary Renfro
John Bidondo	Mary Ellen Hermann	Marjorie Rhodes
Allie Biondo	Richard Hoedl	Austin Richards
Richard Borris	Kelly Jordon	Kathy Shields
Gretchen Butler	Kelsey Krum	Patricia Smith
Chlorine Bunch	Vernita Linenberger	Joe Stanley
Georgene Caoile	Jo Locke	Noah Stanley
Marvin Cohen	Gloria McLaughlin	Teresa Starks
Joseph Coots	Nadine Monnig	Bill Sullivan
Tyler Corlew	Helen Muenks	Jean Tate
Donna Dailey	Ramona Neighbors	Ruth Tayler
Margaret Dellaguardia	Gary Palmer	Bob Westfall
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Heather Dull	Melinda Pickens	Pablo Zayas
Richard Estes	Deborah Pilcher	



**HAPPY
 NEW YEAR
 2016!**

**Please remember the sick and homebound of
 our parish family in your daily prayers!**

Anointing the Sick

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please let Fr. Jeff or Fr. Curt know at the Mass you attend and they will be happy to celebrate the sacrament with you.

If you have questions or would like to schedule it ahead of time, please call Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 6 10:30am Beautiful Savior
 Jan 13 10:00am Rehabilitation Center of Raymore
 Jan 20 10:00am Foxwood Springs

School of Religion

Parish School of Religion classes will resume on January 10th!

Our School of Religion classes will resume next Sunday, January 10th! See you then!

Children's Liturgy Sunday will be on January 17th!

Children from our parish are invited to be Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers at a Mass each month. Our next Mass date is Sunday, January 17th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if your child would like to sign up for this ministry.

First Reconciliation Service

for our PSR students will be on January 19th at 7pm in the church.

Form for Communication with Minors

Parents and guardians must now sign a form giving permission for St. Sabina staff, specifically the Youth Director, Kirstie Roberts to respond to text messages, emails and phone calls from the youth of the parish. These forms are available in the back of the church with the PSR registrations and in the Youth Office.

Donut Sunday!

Please join us for doughnuts and orange juice on January 10th after the 8 and 10:30 Masses which will be hosted by the 2nd grade class!

Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all that have made donations for the beautiful poinsettia plants which have been placed in the church in memory of the following:

José G. Echevarria, Damiana Campoverde, Maria C. Campoverde, Bob Meiron, George Pierce, Joe Falco, Sr., Charlie and Carrio Carrollo, Lisa Ninci Denney, Kathryn Eidenhammer, William Hare, Dan Barberis, Robert Rose, Sr., John Sellmeyer, Casey Pointer, Fabian Villareal, Claudia Wilbur, Mike Villareal, Dorothy Wilbur, Martha and Arthur Anthony, Cierra Anthony, Harvey Joe Castañeda, Jay, Maria, Maggie, Ernest McDougal, Carl Parrott, Della White, Billy Caruthers, Gene and Agnes McEwen, Marty Glatz, Mary Pat Ahlfeldt, Mary Teresa Grosko, Walter Zmuda, James and Bernadine Martin, Carol, Rose, Mary, and Denny Martin, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, L. James Wolfe, John C. Mayabb, Ivan Dull, Gayle and Clyde Holder, Gertrude and Raymond Friedl, Betty Autrey, Frank Ranes, Mary Shelby, Kathleen Muder, Juan G. Gogue, Magdalena K. Gogue, Regina F. Gogue, Charlie Shelby, Nona Strassk, Harold L. Brown, The Morrison Family, The Littler Family, Helen Ralston, Brandon Dennis, Ralph and Mary Iseman, Ella Hemmen, Thomas Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Barney Klaus, Keith Buell, Ursula Buell, Pat Simpson, Ray J. Yust, Veronica Yust, Joe Maurer and Rex Graham.

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Sponsor

Night Our next meeting will be January 13th in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. If your sponsor is unable to attend the meeting, you must still be present.

High School Sports Lock-In

On January 16th we are packing up and heading to Legacy Park in Lee's Summit for an overnight of fun! There will be swimming, basketball, volleyball, racket ball, a movie room, game room and a room for pizza and snacks. We will leave St. Sabina at 8pm on the 16th and go to St. Margaret's church for Mass and then head next door to begin the Lock In. We will return to St. Sabina at 6:30am on Sunday morning. The cost is \$20 per person. Boys are to bring a 2 liter of pop to share and girls are to bring a snack (chips or cookies) to share. You are

welcome to bring a friend and everyone must have permission slips which are available in the Youth Office and on the parish website. If any parents can help with driving or chaperoning, please contact Kirstie Roberts, 816-979-3155.

Junior High Youth!

Our next meetings will be January 6th and 20th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Team Meetings for Search

All Peer Ministers and Adult Team members of the Search Retreat are required to attend the following meetings to prepare for the Search Retreat. Each meeting is from 1-4pm in the Parish Hall. January 31, February 14, February 21 and February 28. If you have a conflict that interferes with any of these meetings, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

High School & Confirmation Youth

Our next meetings are Sunday, January 10th and 24th from 7-8:30pm.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jennifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM).

Wellness Center

How little exercise can you get away with?

In the past few years, researchers have published several studies promising fast results from shorter workouts. A recent low is a four-minute routine that after ten weeks was shown to produce the same improvements in blood pressure, and blood sugar levels, as a 16 minute workout. But looking a little closer at the study, participants also completed a fifteen-minute cooldown walk, making the total workout 19 minutes. Intensity mattered, too. The exercisers did that four-minute burst at 90 percent of their maximum heart rate-the equivalent of rapidly climbing six to ten flights of stairs. If that kind of routine doesn't appeal to you, you're not going to stick with it-in which case you won't see any benefit. The best plan is still to aim for at least 30 minutes daily; if you're pressed for time, consider splitting your workout into 15-minute sessions. Bottom line, find something you enjoy and just start moving!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1- 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Yoga 6 - 7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1- 2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1- 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Strength & Restore 6 - 7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1- 2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm ReFit® 5 - 6pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1- 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Stretch & Strength 5 - 6pm
Saturday:	Open Workout 8:30 - 11:30am ReFit® 10 - 11am

May all have a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Area Information

Diocesan healing prayer services

The diocese continues to reach out to those impacted by abuse by offering healing services. The next services will be held at St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11th at 7:00 p.m., 318 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City and at St. Margaret Parish on Thursday February 4th at 7:00 p.m., 777 NE Blackwell Road, Lee's Summit.

Support our Seminarians Dinner

The 23rd annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. It is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have a wonderful speaker this year, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, who is

President of Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS. S.O.S. will be held at the Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913.207.9893
ormmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator: it binds God with man and man with God. *Saint Catherine of Siena*

Please contribute generously to "Blessed Are the Merciful", the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (*in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal*) in support of parish and diocesan programs and ministries. Go on-line to www.kcsjgives.org for more information or use the form available in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at

816.714.2363.

Harvesters!

This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids to help fight hunger in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office to sign up. This ministry is open to all ages! Our next date is January 21st from 6-8pm.



Reflection on the Feast of the Epiphany, Year C

In the ancient world, an “epiphany” referred to the appearance of a god who became visible to human beings. It is in this sense that we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. We celebrate our God becoming human, becoming visible, and interacting with us on our level. As the first letter of John states: “the Word of Life... was made visible” (1 John 1:2), and we have seen, heard, touched and testify to that Word. This is the marvelous reality that we celebrate today.

In most of Europe, January 6th, exactly twelve days after Christmas, is a holy day of obligation, the time when gifts are shared, based on the story of the magi and their sharing of gifts with the holy family. The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world.

Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From the beginning, the Christian community highlighted three manifestations or appearances of divinity in our midst, namely the story of the magi, the baptism of Jesus and the wedding feast of Cana. All three were considered epiphanies.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism lead Jesus to a greater awareness of himself, his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's gospel, is, according to John, the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his ministry.

Today in the Western church our lectionary readings focus on these epiphanies by celebrating them on successive Sundays: Epiphany Sunday (Jan 3), the Baptism of the Lord Sunday (Jan 10) and the wedding feast of Cana on the second Sunday in Ordinary time in lectionary year C (Jan 17). This year, we are once again fortunate to have the opportunity to reflect on all three manifestations or epiphanies of Jesus.

Matthew's Magi account concerning Gentiles from unknown lands acknowledging Jesus as king powerfully communicates an essential truth about Jesus and his followers. It affirms that any true follower of Jesus must be “catholic.” This does not mean membership in the Catholic Church. Rather to be “catholic” is to be universal, with a welcoming open stance toward all.

Jesus came for all people. By accepting Jesus, we too become people open to all, welcoming all, breaking down boundaries, and reconciling enemies. Like Jesus, we welcome all, the social outcast and the stranger, the immigrant and the powerful, the rich and the poor, to be part of our table. We make sure there is room at the table for all, treating all with human dignity, respect and love.

In so doing, we become manifestations or epiphanies to others of the real presence of God among us. We become Christ for others and to others. Through our actions, others will come to recognize the active “catholic” presence of God. By committing ourselves to such a lifestyle, we can boldly sing the refrain from responsorial Psalm 72, “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” With the letter to the Ephesians we proclaim “that the Gentiles are

Readings

Sunday, January 3, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 10, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on January 10th and 24th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

As we celebrate this time of Epiphany, recall how God has been made manifest in your life. Where have you seen, heard, touched and testified to that divine manifestation? How will you continue to attune yourself to the multitude of ways in which God enters your life? How do the Magi challenge you to be truly “catholic” in your following of Jesus? Happy Epiphany to all.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate



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happy birthday

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Happy Anniversary

Richard & Jean Rieder	1 Year!	01/03/2015
Ruben Oropeza & Hortensia Vasquez	13 Years!	01/06/2003
Dennis & Nancy Dalton	15 Years!	01/01/2001
Jaime & Mercedes Becerra	18 Years!	01/03/1998
Jesus & Rosa Torres	25 Years!	01/05/1991
Lou & Sue Scaccia	35 Years!	01/03/1981
Tom & Mary Ann Stout	38 Years!	01/07/1978

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Reflexión sobre la Fiesta de la Epifanía, Ciclo C

En el mundo antiguo, una “epifanía” se refiere a la aparición de un dios, que se hizo visible a los seres humanos. Es en este sentido que celebra la fiesta de la Epifanía. Celebramos que nuestro Dios se hace humano, se hace visible, e interactúa con nosotros a nuestro nivel. Como dice la primera carta de Juan: “La palabra de Vida...se hizo visible” (1 Juan 1:2), y la hemos visto, oído, tocado y damos testimonio a esa Palabra. Esta es la maravillosa realidad que celebramos hoy.

En la mayor parte de Europa, el 6 de Enero, exactamente 12 días después de Navidad, es un día de precepto, es un día donde se comparten regalos, basado en la historia de los magos y de su intercambio de regalos con la sagrada familia. La temporada de la Epifanía se enfoca en revelar a Jesús al mundo.

Tras la celebración de la Navidad, el año litúrgico establece una serie de puntos de manifestación en los que Jesús se da a conocer públicamente. Desde el principio, la comunidad Cristiana destacó tres manifestaciones o apariciones de la divinidad entre nosotros; la historia de los Tres Reyes Magos, el bautismo de Jesús y la fiesta de la boda de Cana. Las tres ocasiones fueron consideradas epifanías.

La Epifanía revela a Jesús al mundo de los gentiles, representados por los Magos del Oriente. Las historias del bautismo de Jesús lo dirigen a un mayor conocimiento de sí mismo, de su identidad y misión, y a la vez exponerlo a aquellos a los que él fue enviado para ministrar. El milagro de convertir el agua en vino en las bodas de Cana, exclusivo en el Evangelio de Juan, es según a Juan, la primera señal pública que realiza Jesús, manifestando así su

identidad pública y su ministerio.

Hoy en la iglesia occidental, nuestras lecturas del leccionario se centran en estas epifanías celebrándolas en domingos sucesivos: domingo de Epifanía (3 de Enero), El Bautismo del Señor (10 de Enero), y la fiesta de las bodas de Cana en el segundo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario en el Ciclo C (17 de Enero). Este año, estamos otra vez afortunados de reflexionar sobre las tres manifestaciones o epifanías de Jesús.

La historia de los Tres Reyes Magos contada por Mateo en relación a los gentiles de tierras desconocidas, reconoce a Jesús como rey, y poderosamente comunican una verdad esencial acerca de Jesús y sus seguidores. Afirma que cualquier seguidor verdadero de Jesús debe ser “católico”. Esto no significa ser miembro de la Iglesia Católica. En vez, “ser católico” significa ser universal, con una postura abierta y acogedora hacia todos los demás.

Jesús vino por todas las personas. Al aceptar a Jesús, también nosotros nos convertimos en personas abiertas a todos, dándole la bienvenida a todos, rompiendo las fronteras, y reconciliándonos con los enemigos. Igual a Jesús, le damos la bienvenida a todos, a los marginados por la sociedad y a los extranjeros, a los inmigrantes y a los poderosos, a los ricos y a los pobres, le damos la bienvenida a todos a ser parte de nuestra mesa. Nos aseguramos que hay lugar en la mesa para todos, tratando a todos los humanos con dignidad, respeto y amor.

Al hacer esto, nos convertimos en manifestaciones o epifanías para otros de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Nos convertimos en Cristo para los demás. A través de nuestras

acciones, los demás reconocerán la presencia activa de la presencia “católica” de Dios. Al comprometernos a ese estilo de vida, podemos cantar con valentía el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 72: “Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.” Con la carta a los Efesios proclamamos que, “los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo por medio del evangelio.”

Al celebrar este tiempo de la Epifanía, tengan en mente como Dios se ha manifestado en sus vidas. ¿Dónde ha usted visto, oído, tocado y testificado a esa manifestación divina? ¿Cómo va usted a seguir en sintonización con las muchas maneras en las cuales Dios entra en su vida? ¿Cómo los desafían los Tres Reyes Magos a ser verdaderamente “católico” en su seguimiento de Dios? Feliz Epifanía a todos.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral



Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

Lecturas del Domingo, 10 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 42:1-5, 9-11

Salmo: Salmo 28:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10

Segunda Lectura: Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12



Escuela de Religión

Las clases de Primer Comunión comenzaran de nuevo el Domingo, 10 de Enero!

¡Nuestra Escuela de Religión comenzara de nuevo el próximo Domingo, 10 de Enero! ¡Hasta entonces!

Formas de Comunicación con Menores

Padres y guardianes deben de llenar una forma dándole permiso al personal de Santa Sabina, especialmente a la directora de los Jóvenes, Kirstie Roberts, para ella poder responder a cualquier mensaje de texto, correo electrónico o llamadas de teléfono de parte de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia. Estas formas están disponibles en la Oficina.

Servicio de Primera Reconciliación

Nuestro Servicio de Primer Reconciliación se llevara a cabo el 19 de Enero a las 7pm en la Iglesia.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio. (EIM)

Ministerio Juvenil

Noche de Padrinos de Confirmación

Su primer noche de Padrinos de Confirmación será el Miércoles, 13 de Enero de 7-8:30pm. Un padrino de Confirmación es un adulto Confirmado en la fe Católica, que no sean los padres del joven y que estén en buenos términos con su Iglesia.

Noche de deportes!

El 16 de Enero tomaremos un viaje a Legacy Park en Lee's Summit para una noche de diversión! Habrá natación, baloncesto, voleibol, racket ball, una sala de cine, sala de juegos y sala de pizza y bocadillos. Saldremos de Santa Sabina a las 8pm el 16 de Enero e iremos a la iglesia St. Margaret para la Misa esa noche y después iremos al parque Legacy que se encuentra al lado de la iglesia. Regresaremos a Santa Sabina el Domingo a las 6:30am. El costo por persona será \$20. Los muchachos deben traer un litro de soda para compartir y las muchachas un bocadillo como chips o galletas para compartir. Le invitamos a traer a un amigo, todas la personas que asistirán deben tener una forma de permiso firmada por sus padres, estas formas se encuentran en la oficina y también en nuestra pagina web.

Jóvenes de High School o Confirmación

Sus juntas serán el 10 y el 24 de Enero en el salón Parroquial 7-8:30pm.

Jóvenes de Junior High

Sus próximas juntas serán el Miércoles, 6 y 20 de Enero de 7-8:30pm.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Mas fotos de Las Posadas



Gracias a Chelly's Café por la donación de 500 tamales para la celebración de Las Posadas!

Información de la Zona

Alcohólicos Anónimos

El Grupo Fe y Decisión se reúne cada Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes de 7:00pm-8:30pm a 708 Main St., Grandview, MO.

Para mas información, llame 816-721-0594 o 816-682-7210. Cree tener problemas con las bebidas? Venga, nosotros te podemos ayudar.

Información Parroquial

Donación de Sangre - 10 de Enero

Nuestro próximo evento para donar sangre se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 10 de Enero de las 8am - 1pm en el gimnasio. Puede hacer su cita en la pagina web savealifenow.org, el código de patrocinador es: saintsabina. Para mas información, por favor comuníquese con alguien en la oficina parroquial al 816-331-4713. Gracias a los Caballeros de Colon por patrocinar este evento.

Hora de Cuentos en Español

La Biblioteca de Belton estará viniendo a Santa Sabina el segundo Jueves de cada mes para presentar "Hora de Cuentos en Español" para los niños. Por favor planea unirse a nosotros el Jueves, 14 de enero a las 10am en el Salón Juan Diego ubicado en la Escuela de Religión.

Platicas

Platicas Pre-bautismales - 9 de Enero

Normalmente cada Segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación antes de asistir a las platicas. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Fotos de Las Posadas



Felicidades a Reina Cruz, ella fue la ganadora de la rifa de la televisión Magnavox de 50". En esta foto (derecha) aparecen nuestros miembros del Comité Romero, Hilda Alvarado, María Eva Medrano y Kris Larkey junto a Reina. También en esta foto (izquierda) apárese Jenny Lopez y Moisés, quien ayudo a sacar el boleto ganador de la televisión. Gracias a todos los que compraron boletos de rifa.

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En esta foto aparecen los niños que participaron cantando el día Las Posadas.



Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles
(Confesiones de 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

Domingo: 8:00am and 10:30am en Ingles,
12:30pm en Español

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